

NATIVE PLANT SALE A SUCCESS

By now there should be about 12,000 more native plant seedlings snuggled deep in the soil of their new homes in Clallam County. The spring rains have begun to water them and the soil is warming, encouraging them to break out of their winter dormancy.

Each March the Conservation District holds an annual native plant sale to provide a source of native seedlings for landowners to revegetate cleared sites or improve wildlife habitat. Each year we meet more people who are excited to restore the plant life and habitat that once was so abundant in our area.

The District gives a "BIG THANKS" to all of you who purchased plants this year. With each tree or shrub you plant, you're



Plant Sale Day



"Runners" delivering a plant order

taking an important step toward enhancing and restoring our local environment. The District may offer the plants, but we know it is you, the landowners, who do the part that really counts – getting those plants in the ground and taking care of them. Remember to keep your plants watered the first summer, keep weeds and grasses from out-competing the young seedlings.

The process of sorting the plants into orders and distributing them on sale day was accomplished by a group of incredibly helpful volunteers. Helping to bundle plants and fill orders were; Anita Gayheart, Pam Larsen, Karen Burt, Cathy Lear, and Merrill Jefferson. Volunteers working the day of the sale were; DJ and Magda Bassett, Anita Gayheart, Paul Beck and family, Merrill Jefferson, and Lorene McLane. Thanks to everyone for suffering cold fingers, and tired backs. We couldn't have done it without your help!

Let us know your tree and shrub planting experiences, success stories as well as challenges. Send an e-mail to laura-hall@wa.nacdnet.org. If you are not on our mailing list call 452-1912 ext.109, and we will add your name.

**Hope to see you at
next year's plant sale!**

District Updates

Long Range Plan - Over the past few months the District Board of Supervisors and staff have been working on updating our Long-Range Plan as mandated by the RCW 89.08.220. Thus far we have identified and prioritized the resource concerns in Clallam Conservation District and gathered and incorporated existing data and recommendations contained in other natural resource related plans. Our preliminary list of resource concerns are:

- Sufficient Supplies of Quality Water for All Beneficial Uses, including Aquatic Habitat
- Quantity and Quality of Habitat for Fish and Wildlife, primarily ESA-listed Species
- Adequate Resource Lands for Production of Food, Fiber, and Associated Beneficial Uses.

We will be seeking public input as our planning process proceeds. Please feel free to contact the staff or Board members with your thoughts and concerns.

Election Results—Steve Marble, was reelected to the Clallam Conservation District's Board of Supervisors in an uncontested election held on March 19. Steve's three-year term began on April 1.

Appointment Results—Walt Forsberg was reappointed by the Washington Conservation Commission to serve another 3 year term as a member of the Clallam Conservation Board of Supervisors. Walt's term began on April 1.

Dear Conservation News Subscriber,

We would like to thank you for your interest in receiving our newsletter and supporting our work. The Conservation News covers current, local natural resources issues and agricultural interest features as well as the annual native plant sale information and educational and volunteer events. In light of our growing readership base and a desire to reduce mailing and printing costs, we are offering the option of receiving an electronic newsletter to those of you with e-mail who prefer to receive publications in an electronic format.

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Calendar of Events

April 26 and 30. Landscaping with Native Plants. Dungeness Recreation Area 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

Participants will learn to identify over 30 native trees and shrubs. In addition, participants will learn the cultural requirements, habitat qualities, and ornamental attributes of these plants. The clinics are free; however, there is a 15 person limit and pre-registration is required.

April 26 Pasture Management Workshop Robin Hill Farm Park; 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Participants will learn to identify common pasture grasses, and learn the advantages and disadvantages of each grass species. Weed control, fertilization, irrigation, and soil health will also be discussed. Don't miss this workshop if you want to get more grass out of your pastures! Bring your pasture management questions and be prepared for adverse weather.

Call 452-1912 ext 5 to register for these workshops

Jimmycomelately Creek & Estuary Restoration Update

After temporary work suspension during the winter, work on the Jimmycomelately Creek channel has resumed. Recently the Washington Department of Transportation hauled away over 10,000 cubic yards of excavated soil from the site to be used in the landscaping along the Sequim bypass. The new channel construction is approximately 80 percent complete and expected to be completed in full in July.

Clallam County is seeking funding for a new Highway 101 bridge from the Salmon Recovery Funding Board. An award decision is expected in June. If funded, bridge construction will occur in early 2004. The stream will likely be diverted into the new channel in the summer of 2004. The Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe plans to begin work on restoration of the estuary this summer.

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2002

A lot of natural resource conservation was accomplished in Clallam Conservation District in 2002. The big projects were the Jimmycomelately Creek Realignment and two irrigation ditch piping projects.

Presented here as our accomplishments, they are in fact the accomplishments of the land users of the District. The on-the-ground conservation is ultimately up to you. Our role is to help you by providing the necessary technical and financial assistance. As the old saying goes, "working together we can get the job done."

The accomplishments listed below were made possible by reimbursable grants, most of which were obtained from the Washington Department of Ecology, the Washington Conservation Commission, the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. In addition, Clallam County contributed \$50,000 to the District. The County contribution to the District was reduced to \$26,000 for 2003. A total of 22 different funding sources were relied upon in 2002 to implement these activities. Four grant proposals were submitted in 2002, two of which have been awarded funding.

Education and Outreach

- ✓ 284 individuals/groups received technical information/assistance
- ✓ 310 individuals assisted through Native Plant Sale
- ✓ 1,400 people/organizations received quarterly newsletter
- ✓ 157 individuals/groups contacted to participate in CCD programs
- ✓ 310 adults participated in 22 workshops/presentations
- ✓ 52 teachers/adults and 891 youth participated in CCD-led programs
- ✓ 7 Native Plants workshops/presentations conducted
- ✓ 4 Horse and Land Stewardship workshops conducted
- ✓ 9 BMP interpretive signs installed at Robin Hill Farm Park

Conservation Planning

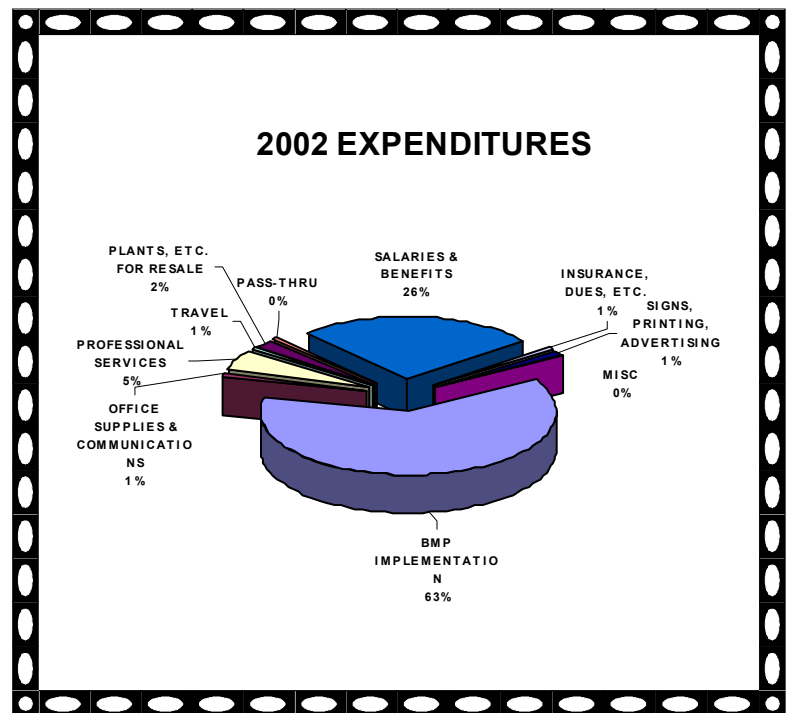
- ✓ 11 farm conservation plans prepared (187 acres)
- ✓ 2 dairy nutrient management plans prepared (70 acres)
- ✓ 2 sediment and erosion control plans prepared
- ✓ 8 riparian restoration plans prepared (40 acres)
- ✓ 13 miles of irrigation ditch surveyed/evaluated

- ✓ 7 miles of riparian area evaluated
- ✓ 2,800 feet of stream restoration designed
- ✓ 178 water quality samples collected and analyzed
- ✓ 61 streams monitored for flow

Conservation Practice Implementation

- ✓ 1,200 feet of streambank stabilized
- ✓ 450 feet of in-stream habitat restored
- ✓ 105 feet of riparian fencing installed
- ✓ 2,025 feet of irrigation ditch replaced with pipeline
- ✓ 2 roof runoff management systems installed
- ✓ 4 animal waste storage structures built
- ✓ 1 ¾ acres of livestock heavy use area protection installed
- ✓ 296 rain barrels distributed
- ✓ 12,400 native plants distributed to 226 individuals

For a complete report of accomplishments visit our web page at <http://clallam.scc.wa.gov> or stop by the office. Our Annual Plan of Work for 2003 is also available on the web.



Manure Share Program

Do you have extra livestock manure that you are willing to share with local gardeners? If so, call the District and have your name added to our "Supplier List." The list will include your name, phone number and the type of manure you have.

Are you looking for manure for your gardening endeavors? If so, call the District and we will mail you the "Supplier List." We recommend that all manure be composted prior to use. Properly composting the manure should kill weed seeds and parasites. Call Jennifer for more information at 452-1912 ext. 110.

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